

WILSON TO LAND AHEAD OF TIME

Vessel Changes Course;
President To Reach
Brest Friday a.m.

Brest, France, Dec. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—The U. S. S. George Washington, with president Wilson and party aboard, changed its course, after leaving the Azores, and will arrive in Brest in advance of the time announced, according to a naval wireless dispatch received today.

Gets to Brest 10 A. M.
The president was expected to reach Brest at 10 o'clock Friday morning, instead of at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He will leave for Paris at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Authorities are erecting a pavilion on quay number 2, where president Wilson will first set foot in France. The interior, which will be decorated with flags and flowers, will contain a platform, where the French ministers will extend their first greetings to the president.

PERSHING'S VETERANS TO MEET PRESIDENT WILSON

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Brown, and there was a family reunion at the front. The soldiers, on learning the identity of the distinguished visitor, cheered heartily.

Is First in Strasbourg.

Miss Wilson has been traveling unofficially all the time and I learn today from members of her party that she was one of the first to enter Strasbourg, the old capital of Alsace, with the American forces. She was accompanied by the enthusiastic demonstrations of the populace, with French children at her side. She, too, paraded through the streets as a marshal Petain entered. "I would not have missed it for all the world," she said, "and I wish I could have come sooner. One must see France to appreciate it."—Copyright, 1918, by New York Evening Post, Inc.

Girl Tells Huns That The French 'Will Avenge Us'

President Poincare
Decorates A Plucky Young
Woman of Colmar.

Paris, France, Dec. 11.—(Havas.)—President Poincare and the official representatives of the government, who Monday visited Strasbourg and took part in the formal celebration of the return of the city to French allegiance, received an enthusiastic demonstration of welcome all along the road from Strasbourg to Colmar. Great crowds sang the Marseillaise and shouted "long live France; long live the republic."

President Poincare bestowed the war cross on Miss Preiss, daughter of the member of the chamber of deputies from Colmar, who died in exile. When the Germans brought Deputy Preiss's body home, Miss Preiss declared to them:

"The French will avenge us."
For these words she was sent to a German prison.

Texas, Freed By Huns, Enjoying Good Health

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Additional names of enlisted men who have reached France in good health, after being released from German prison camps, were made public today by the war department. This list includes:

Frank Kokurek, Clarksville, Tex.; Herbert J. Brichard, Denver, Colo.; Harry A. Elliott, Omaha, Iowa; Paul Stone, Verona, S. D.; Charles H. Wasek, Mart, Texas; George C. Walla, Roswell, N. M.

VALUE OF MARK IS BELOW 42 TO THE BRITISH POUND

London, Eng., Dec. 11.—(Wireless service.)—The value of the German mark has fallen below 42 to the British pound. Before the war, the mark was worth approximately one shilling, or 25 cents to the pound sterling. At Berlin on December 7, 41,633 marks could be obtained for one pound sterling. At Stockholm, the rate of exchange on the Austrian krona has fallen to 77.20 to the pound sterling.

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Furnishings Once Used By Napoleon In Wilson's Room

Murat Mansion Ready To
Receive President Of
United States.

Paris, France, Dec. 11.—When president Wilson starts work in his study in the Murat mansion, all parts of which are now ready to receive the distinguished guest from the United States, he will be surrounded on all sides by the likeness of Napoleon. A marble bust of Napoleon is on a pedestal, directly in the rear of the desk at which president Wilson will work. Every wall panel has upon it a painting either of Napoleon or one of his generals or of their families. The simplicity and elegance of the study are impressive.

Room Furnished in Red.
The president's study on the second floor has a large bay window and a massive mahogany desk and two chairs, which sit in the window. The room is furnished in red and contains a large golden eagle and a bronze statue of a charging French dragon.

The president's bedroom adjoins his study. It is large in size and its walls are of blue. The three quarters also bed, which president Wilson will occupy, is mahogany, inlaid with brass and is shaped like a gondola. The bedroom also contains pictures of Napoleon, principally when he was emperor. Hanging over the bed, president Wilson will occupy is a silver cradle.

Has American Telephone.
At the side of the bed is an American electric light and a modern American telephone. These modern instruments look strangely out of place amid the furnishings of the room, many of which come down to the Murat from Napoleon and were used by Napoleon.

In the president's suite, in the dressing room adjoining the bedroom, is a large bath. It is not the kind Americans know. Instead of tile, the floor is covered with carpets of great thickness and there are pictures on the walls. The president's suite occupies nearly the entire second floor of the house.

The princess Murat's maid was in the mansion today, putting on the finishing touches for the reception of Mrs. Wilson. She proudly announced that she would be in attendance on Mrs. Wilson. When the correspondent entered the mansion, the maid was busy engaged in putting two little French dolls called Alsace and Lorraine in the cradle.

Dining Room Capacity 35.
The reception rooms and saloons are decorated with beautiful mural paintings and have exquisite chandeliers. The light from them is diffused through crystals. The state dining room, in which 25 guests can be entertained, contains the Murat family silver and is ready for the visit of the American president and his wife.

The suite of Mrs. Wilson, which is situated in the rear of the mansion, consists of a high ceilinged chamber, a large bath, a dressing room, a study, a library and a small parlor. The walls are covered with old tapestries and vases adorn the rooms. A grand piano, many chairs and settees and a divan also are there. Mrs. Wilson's sleeping chamber adjoins the study. A dressing table occupies one side and in the room are comfortable chairs and settees.

Mrs. Wilson's Suite Separate.
Soft snow covers the Murat mansion, and over it hangs a sky blue and gold canopy. The dressing room of Mrs. Wilson is spacious and in it are closets, lined with silk, for her own and the president's clothes. A large separate suite is occupied by president and Mrs. Wilson. The view from Mrs. Wilson's windows is over a deep green garden and the nearest house is a block away between trees.

French Commission In Berlin To Investigate Shooting Of Prisoners

Paris, France, Dec. 11.—(Havas.)—A French commission has arrived at Berlin to regulate the return of French prisoners of war from Germany. The commission also will investigate the recent affair in the prison camp at Sagan, in which French prisoners were shot dead by the Germans and 15 wounded seriously.

400 PERUVIANS RETURN TO HOMES FROM CHILE

Lima, Peru, Dec. 11.—A Peruvian steamer has arrived at Mollendo with 400 Peruvian citizens who had been living in Chile.

ASK RUSS NOT VISIT BERLIN

Bolshevik Delegates In-
vited Over Protest of
German Cabinet.

Berlin, Germany, Dec. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—The German cabinet has sent a wireless message to the Russian government, asking it not to send a delegation to Berlin for a conference planned for December 16. The reason given was the "present situation in Germany."

Plot Suspects Freed.
Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 11.—All but one of the suspected plotters, who were arrested at the hotel Bristol Monday, have been released. The one who is charged with having formed a student guard and furnishing 300 rifles for the men involved in the disorders of last Friday.

Headline Council Dissolved.
Hannover, Germany, Dec. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Hessian workmen's, peasants' and soldiers' council has been dissolved and will be replaced by the executive committee of the soldiers and workmen's council against the wishes of the cabinet.

Keeps to Have Peace Plan.
Amsterdam, Holland, Dec. 11.—The directors of the Krupp munitions works have announced their intention to transform the plant into a factory devoted to the arts of peace, according to the Cologne Gazette.

BAKER DEFINITELY STATES
TEXAS GUARD WON'T BE USED
Austin, Tex., Dec. 11.—Secretary of war Baker has definitely advised the governor of the decision reached by the war department not to take into the federal service the two brigades of Texas cavalry and the brigade of infantry which now constitute the Texas national guard.

France's Appeal Formed Basis Of Aerial Program

Maj. Gen. Kenley Recounts
American Progress In
Aeronautics.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—An appeal by Premier Clemenceau, of France, for an American contribution of 2000 planes a month, and a total of 5000 aviators and 50,000 specialized mechanics formed the basis for the aircraft program to which the United States committed itself in the war. This was disclosed today by Maj. Gen. William L. Kenley, director of military aeronautics, in his annual report.

"This country had never trained an aviator sufficiently to meet the demands of overseas aerial warfare," Gen. Kenley points out, in illustrating the progress of the nation, faced in seeking to comply with the urgent appeal for aid made by France.

"It had not the slightest knowledge of the necessity for the radio, photography, or unlimited personnel. Consequently, the first men largely trained themselves before teaching others and experienced loss on from the course to which came to come. Despite this handicap, 480 men had been graduated as reserve military aviators, 100 as regular aviators, by June 20, 1918, the report says, and 110 bombers, 35 bombing pilots, 44 observers, 239 observer pilots and 151 pursuit pilots had been graduated. That date from the advanced training schools.

152 Training Fatalities.
In the year ending last June 30, there were 152 fatalities in training, or an average of one death to 255 hours and 301,000 miles flown. Stalled engines usually due to an error of the pilot, caused 86 deaths; collisions 30 and side slips ten.

"Regrettable as these accidents are," the report says, "it is felt that considering the progress of the science, the early state of development of the planes, the inexperience in instruction and the necessity of teaching the new aviators in the most rapid manner, this number is not large. As a matter of aerial statistics, fatalities are American training are less than half as large as those of the other allied countries.

The report says that 440 balloon officers also had been graduated, 155 of whom were fully qualified observers during the year.

FIRST AMBASSADOR FROM PERU TO U. S. ON WAY

Lima, Peru, Dec. 11.—Dr. Francisco Tudela, former Peruvian foreign minister, sailed today for Washington to assume his post as first Peruvian ambassador to the United States.

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Asserts Too Much Diplomatic Bluff Caused Great War

Count Czernin Says Luden-
dorff Oftentimes Pre-
vented Peace.

Vienna, Austria, Dec. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—Faith in president Wilson was expressed by count Czernin, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister in discussing the problems that must be settled before peace is made secure.

Count Czernin painted Gen. Ludendorff as the man who stood between the capital empires and peace on numerous occasions. Recounting the desperate efforts on the part of the Austrians to reach some sort of peace before the final and absolute collapse of both the Austrian and German empires, count Czernin said:

Says Huns Desired Peace.
"The German people wanted peace long ago and even Emperor William wanted to see the end of the war, but the attitude of England prevented steps being taken. Emperor William said to me on one occasion:

"How can we get peace with England? Hearing that we must be destroyed."

"We understood that the only way to arrange matters was to get England and Germany to agree."

"I sent count Montfort to Switzerland to see Gen. J. C. Smuts (who was in Switzerland last March in the interests of the British government). He succeeded, but I was unable to tell what terms Germany would make. I do not recall that Mr. Lloyd George mentioned any conditions last February. Germany assured me that no definite offers were received from England and I believe this was true."

Allies Would Crush Foo.
"England appeared to intend to crush Germany, and France showed a similar attitude. President Wilson was the only head of an allied power who did not appear to have this in mind. Emperor William could not bring himself to yield Alsace and Lorraine."

"Regarding emperor William, I feel that he did not want the war, but he did not know how to get out of it. I was minister to Russia when the war began and I honestly believe that no one wanted hostilities to begin. I have the impression that neither emperor Francis Joseph, emperor William nor their ministers wanted war. I might explain the matter that was started by saying that there was too much diplomatic bluffing, with every one looking for the other fellow to recede from his position."

Couldn't Dictate to Berlin.
"Every way to get out of the war was tried by us excepting war with Germany. When one considers how much weaker than Germany we were, he can see how impossible it was for me to dictate terms. Now, if president Wilson finds it difficult to impress his views on the entente, how was it possible for a man like me to do anything with Germany?"

Brest-Litovsk Treaty Forced.
"I signed the peace treaty of Brest-Litovsk, but we were not free from it. This fact is worthy of mention. It was Ludendorff who forced Dr. Richard von Kuhlmann, German foreign secretary, to make that peace. We occupied the southern end of the line, but Germany had her troops against the line in the north. Gen. Hoffmann then declared he would move on Petrograd. Ludendorff, the Bolshevik foreign minister, did not sign the treaty."

Ludendorff Says "No."
"Dr. von Kuhlmann and I had hoped to make peace with Russia on the basis of president Wilson's principles, but Ludendorff always telegraphed 'no' to our proposals. I worked day and night to bring von Kuhlmann and Ludendorff together. At the last moment, the latter sent his famous telegram to the world, demanding that Germany be allowed to revolt and destroy their government. This telegram inflamed Berlin, which denounced Trotsky and the Bolshevik foreign minister, did not sign the treaty."

Lucero Severely Injured.
Pvt. Federico Lucero of El Paso who previously was reported missing in action but was found later, was severely wounded according to word received Wednesday. Before he enlisted about a year ago Lucero was employed in the meter department at the city water works. Pvt. Lucero has a mother and two sisters living at 814 and Kansas streets.

CALIFORNIA OIL WORKERS END DUTIES AND LEAVE

All delegates to the first annual convention of the International Association of Oil Fields, Gas Wells and Refinery Workers, which adjourned late Tuesday, have returned to their homes, except the California delegates, who stayed here for a meeting of their district delegates Wednesday.

The chief matter coming before them was the dissolution of the paid state organizer of their state, the duties of which will be taken care of under the new organization, by vice president H. L. Scott, of the California division. The California delegates adjourned at 11 a. m. and left for their homes at 4 o'clock.

STRIKE TIES UP STREET CARS IN KANSAS CITY, MO.

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City's street railway system was completely tied up this morning as a result of a strike of car men and some of the power house employees called at 4 o'clock. The cars were unable to run cars during the early rush hours. Part of the resident district was without electric light.

The men are striking, say their leaders, to enforce the recent war labor board award of higher wages.

HUSTON THOMPSON NAMED ON FEDERAL TRADE BODY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Huston Thompson, of Colorado, assistant attorney general, was nominated today by president Wilson to be a member of the federal trade commission.

THOMPSON EX-ASSISTANT
TO ATTORNEY GENERAL.
Denver, Colo., Dec. 11.—Huston Thompson, who has been a member of the federal trade commission was announced today at Washington, where he is attorney in Denver until nearly six years ago. At that time, he received an appointment as assistant to the United States attorney general and went to Washington.

Mr. Thompson is a graduate of Princeton university. He was formerly assistant attorney general in the office of the attorney general of Colorado and at one time a special assistant to the United States district attorney for Colorado.

MAY END COLORADO STRIKE

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 11.—Officials of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, and representatives of the striking railroad men are in conference this morning. Provisions of a contract submitted to the company are under discussion. It is said that the meeting may result in settling the strike.

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